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October 11, 1962

Mr. James Meredith  
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Dear Mr. Meredith:

May I congratulate you on your efforts for the attaining of equality of opportunity in education for all people, regardless of race, creed or color. You have my heartfelt support.

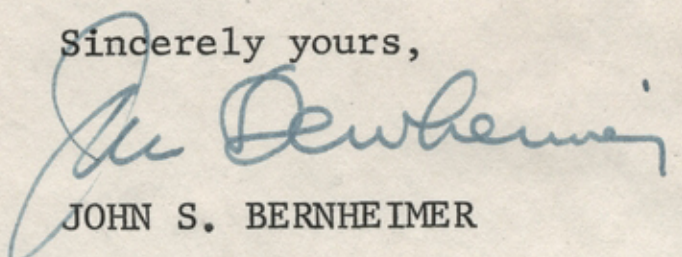
We admire your restraint, your dignity; you are truly a credit to the human race. I know that your struggle is a struggle of all citizens.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come to Philadelphia to talk to the Chairmen of our 33 lodges and their committees. We are engaged in the battle for full equality for all, regardless of race, creed or color, and I know that your presence would inspire us to greater effort. We know how busy you are in attempting to complete your studies as well as realizing that your family needs you too. However, we know that anything you might say to us of your personal experiences would greatly help us to understand the problems of all minorities and at the same time inspire us to ever greater efforts.

The time of your coming could be left to you and we, of course, would pay all your expenses.

Again, the best of luck to you and you have our heartfelt wish for the achievement of full equality for all.

Sincerely yours,

  
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Mr. James Meredith  
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Dear Mr. Meredith:

Perhaps my recent letter to you congratulating you on your struggle for equality for all people and asking you to come North for a speech did not seem quite clear.

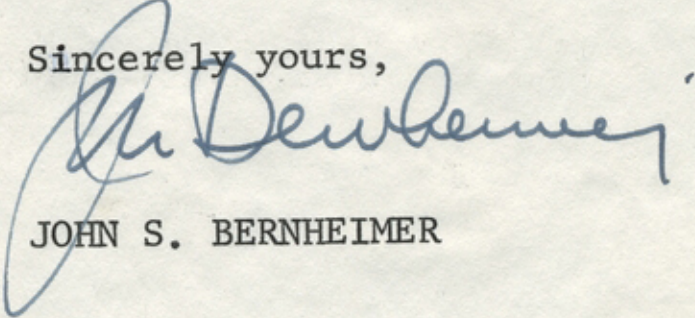
I am the Anti-Defamation League Chairman of the Philadelphia B'nai B'rith Council. There are 33 lodges affiliated with our B'nai B'rith Council.

We are very anxious to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation in January 1963. I am wondering whether or not you could find the time to come North to be the principal speaker at such an occasion and to accept an award from us in B'nai B'rith.

We have devoted ourselves, as you probably know, to the struggle for equality of all people in employment, education, housing and in places of public accommodation. I think that your appearance here would inspire us in this area to greater efforts in our struggle to fulfill our program.

I wish you the best of luck and again want to commend you for the efforts you have made toward reaching a goal of full equality for all.

Sincerely yours,

  
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January 31, 1963

Mr. John S. Bernheimer  
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Dear Mr. Bernheimer:

I am in receipt of your letters of October 11, and October 16, 1962, extending your congratulations and invitation to speak at the 100th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation this month.

However, due to the volume of mail I have received, I could not reply before this. If you wish my appearance in the near future, may I suggest that you contact my personal attorney Mr. A. W. Willis, Jr., at 588 Vance Ave., Memphis, Tennessee, who will give you schedule.

Thank you again for your support and warm wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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